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To: Great Basin Agency Administrators

Subject: 2009 Great Basin Incident Management

The Great Basin Coordinating Group would like to update you on a few items for the 2009 fire season. Attached you will find three items: Great Basin Team Evaluation, Incident Commander Expectations, and the Great Basin Incident Management Team configuration.

The team evaluation has been modified to increase your ability to document in more detail your final evaluation and includes additional evaluation factors such as cost management. We recommend that you use this version to evaluate all teams your unit may host, including Buying Teams, Administrative Payment Teams and Incident Management Teams.

The second attachment includes the Coordinating Group's expectations of Great Basin Incident Commanders. Please be aware the Coordinating Group emphasized the importance of the Incident Commanders making contact with you or your representative upon team order, to clarify team size, any special needs and your expectations.

The third attachment is the description of the Great Basin Incident Management Team (IMT) configuration and the standards to be followed this season. You need be aware there are no longer Fire Use Management Teams in the Great Basin as well as there is no longer a National Fire Use Management Team rotation. The Great Basin Fire Use Management Teams have transitioned to a Type 2 short or long team. Other geographic areas have either transitioned them into a Wildland Fire Management Team or a group of technical specialists to assist Type 1 and Type 2 IMTs with Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) and other longer term planning processes or they have been integrated back into the Type 1 and Type 2 IMT configurations.

The 2009 Great Basin Mobilization Guide is available to further clarify operating procedures. Additionally, it is important you are aware the Great Basin Coordinating Group supports implementing the Field S-420 Course. The intent of the course is the same as the class room version although the venue of instruction is on an on going incident.

If there is potential or opportunity to implement a Field S-420 course on your unit this will be communicated to you thru the Incident Commander upon team order. Guidance for all fiscal aspects of utilizing a fire code is documented in Supplement 3 of the 2009 Mobilization Guide. Please refer to the following link for the 2009 Mobilization guide.
http://qacc.nifc.gov/wgbc/administrative/policy_reports/policy_reports.htm

The Great Basin Type I Incident Management Teams have been selected to pilot test Mobile Incident Management Information Technology (MIMIT) this fire season. The Interagency Interoperability Oversight Group (IIOG) is sponsoring the project. The kit may be mobilized with a team order and should have minimal cost impacts other than pick up and delivery personnel. Standard procedures for fire replacement will apply. The overall intent of the pilot includes evaluating current and future information technology needs of incidents, ease of operation, managing kits within the cache system, IT and data security as well as user satisfaction and cost benefit analysis.

Lastly, the Great Basin Incident Commanders supported by Great Basin Operations Committee hosted a successful 2009 Incident Management Team Workshop in Reno this past April. We would like to thank you for supporting attendance of over 274 team members/attendees. The meeting is closely evaluated for efficiency, current information and valuable team cohesion. The venue has been evaluated to ensure cost efficiencies are realized. We would like to invite you to attend the 2010 Great Basin Incident Management Team Workshop planned April 6-7, 2010 at the Silver Legacy Reno Ballroom.

If you have questions or concerns please contact your Agency Representative on the Great Basin Coordinating Group or you can contact the Coordinating Group Chair, Christie Neill Deputy Regional FMO, NPS at 510-512-8792 or 530-621-5263.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christie Neill

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Attachment 1 – Great Basin Team Evaluation Form
Attachment 2 – Incident Commander Expectations 2009
Attachment 3 – Great Basin Team Type and Size 2009